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SEAFOOD FAIR BY MPEDA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA has organised a Seafood Fair at Visakhapatnam recently;

(b) if so, the number of Indian and foreign firms participated in this fair;

(c) whether several export deals were finalised;

(d) whether MPEDA has made any estimate of the export business generated at this Seafood Fair; and

(e) if so, the achievements of this Seafood Fair?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) :The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) jointl organised the India International Seafood Show at Visakhapatnam from 9-11 February, 2001 in association with the Indian fishery industries and the Association of Shrimp Hatchery Owners and Shrimp aquaculture Farmers.93 Indian firms and 9 foreign firms set up a total of 135 stalls in the fair.

(c) to (e) : MPEDA does not monitor business deals of individual exporters.Therefore the quantum of export business generated in the fair is not known. The fair facilitated close interaction between seafood processors, exporters, buyers, hatchery and aquaculture farm owners, trawler operators, manufacturers of processing machinery etc. The overseas buyers could see at first hand the varieties of seafood export products manufactured by Indian firms. During the fair, business sessions were conducted on a variety of topics like aquaculture, potential and management of fishery sector, banking, finance & insurance and value addition.